

REMARKS

Claims 56-70 are pending.

The Examiner has requested a substitute specification. Applicants are currently preparing a substitute specification and will file it shortly hereafter with a Supplemental Amendment.

Claims 63 and 65 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for a couple of minor issues. Accordingly, applicants have amended claims 63 and 65 to address the concerns of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that these claims now fully comply with 35 USC §112 and therefor, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 56-70 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,000,251, 6,112,562 and 5,381,685. Additionally, claims 56-70 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of co-pending applications nos. 09/441,142, 09/602,879, and 09/603,394. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith Terminal Disclaimers to address these rejections. It is respectfully requested that these rejections now be withdrawn.

Claims 56, 59, 61-66 and 70 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wilson (U.S. Patent No. 5,082,232). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the rejection, the Examiner states that Wilson teaches a portable computer device having a slot for receiving a locking device comprising a housing, slot engaging member and locking member 16 20 with a pin member 26, all having transverse apertures to receive a cable location fixing means 12.

It is respectfully submitted that none of these elements anticipate or even resemble a slot engagement member that is rotatable between an unlocked position and a locked position, with the unlocked position corresponding to allowing a locking member to be removable from the security slot and the locked position corresponding to a position where the locking member is retained within the security slot. Furthermore, pin member 26 does not inhibit rotation of the slot engagement to the unlocked position, nor is it cooperatively coupled to the slot engagement member after the slot engagement member is in the locked position. Element 26 is actually simply a housing that fits over element 16, which does not engage the slot. Element 20 is simply a screw and this is rotatable but does not have a position where it can be removed if it is in the slot, then it can not be removed because of the threads. These features are clearly recited within claim 56 and therefor, it is respectfully submitted that Wilson does not anticipate claim 56. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 56 is allowable.

Claims 57-64 depend either directly or indirectly, on claim 56 and therefor, these claims are allowable for at least the reasons claim 56 is allowable. These claims further define an argument the features of applicants of invention.

Claim 65 is directed to a locking system wherein the slot engagement member is also rotatable between an unlocked position and a locked position. Furthermore, a pin is provided that is coupled to the engagement member cooperates with the slot engagement member to thereby inhibit rotation of the slot engagement member to the unlocked position. As noted above, Wilson does not disclose such an arrangement and therefor, does not anticipate claim 65. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 65 is allowable.

Claims 66-69 depend on claim 65 and therefor, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 65 is allowable. These claims further define an argument the features of applicants invention.

Claim 70 is directed to a cable attachment system that also includes a slot engagement member that is rotatable between an unlocked position and a locked position and includes a pin coupled through the housing adjacent to the slot engagement member cooperates with the slot engagement member after the slot engagement member is in the locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of the slot engagement member to the unlocked position. As noted above, Wilson does not disclose or suggest such a system and therefor, it is respectfully submitted that claim 70 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 63 (Twice amended) The apparatus of claim 62 wherein said housing
2 includes sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include apertures
3 and a
4 second end of [said] a spindle includes a transverse aperture collinear with
5 said opposing apertures in said sidewalls, said opposing apertures and said transverse
6 apertures permitting said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with
7 said slot engagement member to inhibit uncooperation of said pin and said slot
8 engagement member.

1 65. (Amended) A locking system, comprising:
2 a portable electronic device including an exterior wall defining a security
3 slot;
4 location fixing means for attaching to a first object other than to the
5 portable electronic device;
6 a housing, coupled to said location fixing means and proximate to said
7 electronic device and including a slot engagement member a slot engaging portion
8 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to
9 preselected dimensions of said security slot to thereby permit said locking member to
10 extend into said slot, said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked
11 position wherein said locking member is removable from the slot, and a locked position
12 wherein
13 said locking member is retained within the slot; and
14 a pin, coupled said engagement member, for cooperating with said slot
15 engagement member when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to
16 thereby inhibit rotating of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position.